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## TESTIMONY

of the

## CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

March 10, 2010

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

### **R.B. 5338, "An Act Concerning Local Plans of Conservation and Development"**

CCM supports this bill.

R.B. 5338 would provide municipalities with a two-year reprieve from the mandate to update local plans of conservation and development.

This mandate relief measure would not only postpone costs associated with updating plans of conservation and development, but would also provide communities with more time to process current needs and future trends that would impact plans.

R.B. 5338 provides relief to towns and cities without sacrificing economic and community development.

*CCM urges the committee to favorably report this bill.*

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If you have any questions, please call Ron Thomas or Gian-Carl Casa of CCM at (203) 498-3000.